To: Whom it may concern

Subject: Reconsideration of Appeal Decision of June 28, 2019

My name is Barry Branscum with the Portageville, Missouri School District. I am writing for consideration of an appeal decision made on June 28, 2019 (Reference CC Docket No. 02-6). Our district was denied our appeal based on Untimely Filed Appeal. As you can see in the documentation provided, we followed the directions we were given from USAC. Our appeal was denied because we never received a letter stating the fund we received, based on the instructions we were given to refile, were being rescinded. If we had known this before the USAC appeal deadline was expired, we would have filed timely as we did once we found out about the situation. We are not trying to do anything wrong, we simply feel as though the reasons for our appeal denials are not resolving the overwhelming question. That is why were we instructed to file for reimbursement of old request and a year later told to send the money back. We did not ignore any communication we supposedly received in June of 2018 from USAC. We realize that this is our last option for reconsideration based on the facts that we did as instructed based on our first letter from USAC in September of 2017. Our district appreciates your time in reviewing our request for reconsideration and hope to receive a favorable decision even though according to USAC, we filed our appeal late.

Sincerely,

Barry Branscum
Portageville School District
BEN 137079

7-19-2019

My name is Barry Branscum with the Portageville Missouri School District. I am requesting to file an appeal on a decision made by Universal Service Administration Company (USAC) in reference to Billed Entity Number 137079. I would like to reference CC Docket No. 02-6 for this appeal.

I received a letter from USAC dated August 2, 2017 instructing me to resubmit invoices from Funding Year 2014 for Form 471 Application # 989105. The letter, which is attached, stated our school had been identified as qualifying for relief provided for in FCC Order DA 17-526 released on May 30, 2017. The letter stated we had 90 days to resubmit invoice # 2194494 by September 1, 2017 in the amount of \$15661.36. Our school filed a Bear Form on August 15 2017 as instructed and received the funds later that month.

In late August 2018, I received a Demand for Payment letter for our school to pay back the amount filed on the Bear in August 2017. The demand for payment letter was dated August 21, 2018. This was the FIRST notification I had received about this issue. I filed an appeal with USAC on September 9, 2018 and a decision was made stating I did not file the appeal within the 60 days of the decision letter date.

I understand what USAC is saying, however, we did not receive the notification dated in June 2018. Our first realization of an issue was dated on August 21, 2018 with the letter demanding repayment. We are requesting consideration in this timing issue due to the fact we are a school and are out in the summer and for some reason the August 2018 letter was our first realization of an issue.

We further don't understand why we are asked to repay money when we received notification to file for the funds in August of 2017. We filed according to the instructions and thought everything was appropriately done. I am attaching all document in relation to this issue as well.

We sincerely ask for consideration in this appeal even though our appeal with USAC was more than 60 days after the initial decision date.

Sincerely,

Barry Branscum

Portageville School District BEN 137079



First Demand Payment Letter

Michael Allred
PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
904 KING AVE
PORTAGEVILLE, MO 63873 - 1378

8/21/2018

DEMAND FOR PAYMENT OF DEBT OWED TO THE UNITED STATES

This letter is to notify you that the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC"), acting on behalf of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission), has determined that PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT received improper payments of \$15,661.35 from the Universal Service Fund. On June 18, 2018, USAC sent PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT a Recovery of Improperly Disbursed Funds Letter informing PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT of the decision to recover funds for the Funding Request Number(s) (FRNs) listed on the Adjustment Report included in this demand letter. A summary of the relevant FRNs with the corresponding recovery amounts and explanations for the recovery sought is as follows:

Total Due

\$15,661.35

Due Date

9/20/2018

Note: Your due date is adjusted to the next business day when the due date is on a weekend or Federal holiday

FCC Form 471	FRN	Commitment adjustment	Total amount to be recovered	Explanation(s)	Party to recover from
989105	2717593	\$0.00	\$15,661.35	Post Commitment Review Adjustment	Applicant

See Attached Adjustment Report for more information on the specific FRNs and Explanations listed above.



The FCC has determined that the \$15,661.35 overpayment is a debt owed to the United States (the "Debt") and has instructed USAC to collect payment of the Debt pursuant to the Debt Collection Improvement Act, 31 U.S.C. §3701, et seq. ("DCIA"). Accordingly, USAC hereby demands that PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT immediately pay the Debt, which is due and owing without further demand within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter (the "Due Date"). Payment instructions are provided below.

If PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT does not pay the Debt in full on or by the Due Date, the Debt will be delinquent on that date and thereafter, may accrue interest, administrative costs and penalties, in accordance with the DCIA. For further information on the DCIA, and the Treasury and FCC debt collection regulations implementing the DCIA, please see 31 U.S.C. § 3701, et seq., 31 C.F.R. § 900, et seq. and 47 C.F.R. § 1.1901, et seq.

Pursuant to the FCC's Red Light Rule, unless an administrative appeal of the Recovery of Improperly Disbursed Funds Letter is pending, neither the FCC nor USAC will act on any PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT funding application(s) or any payment request(s), until the Debt and all charges which may have accrued are paid in full or resolved. In addition, if all or a portion of the Debt and any accrued charges remain after the Due Date, unless an appeal is pending or other satisfactory arrangements have been made, all PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT applications and requests for benefits will be dismissed. For more information on the FCC's Red Light Rule, please see https://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/red-light-frequently-asked-questions. In determining whether an entity is delinquent for purposes of the FCC's Red Light Rule, the FCC and USAC match the FCC Registration Number of the Debtor to the FCC's database of debts; the Debtor's FCC Registration Number will be linked to all other FCC Registration Numbers associated with the same Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

In addition, if PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT does not pay the Debt and all accrued charges in full by the Due Date, the FCC may instruct USAC to offset or recoup the Debt and any accrued charges against any monies, including Universal Service Fund disbursements, USAC or the FCC may owe PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Further, unless an appeal is pending or other satisfactory arrangements have been made, no later than 90 days from the date of this demand letter, USAC will refer the delinquent Debt and any accrued charges to the United States Treasury for further collection action, in which event the United States Treasury will impose an additional surcharge (currently 28% of the Debt). The United States Treasury may offset the Debt and any accrued charges against monies owed to you by the United States. In addition, the United State Treasury may report PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT's delinquency to credit bureaus and PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT may be denied federal financial assistance.

PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT has 15 days from the date of this letter to request a review of the records



supporting this Debt. PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT may also request a written agreement to repay the Debt, but only if it makes the request within 15 days of the date of this letter. An explanation of the process by which PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT may request a repayment agreement can be found at http://usac.org/cont/making-payments/payment-plans.aspx. All payment plan requests are subject to FCC approval.

You previously received information regarding your appeal rights in the Recovery of Improperly Disbursed Funds Letter.

Payment of the Debt should be made at www.usac.org/pay.

If you have questions, or believe that you received this notification in error, please contact us or call the USAC Client Service Bureau at (888) 203-8100 for further assistance.



Adjustment Report

FCC Form 471 Application Number: 989105

Funding Request Number:

2717593

Commitment Adjustment:

\$0.00

Total Amount to Be Recovered:

\$15,661.35

Explanation(s):

Post Commitment Review Adjustment

Party to Recover From:

Applicant

Funding Year:

2014

Billed Entity Number:

137079

Services Ordered:

INTERNET ACCESS

Service Provider Name:

Network Innovations, Inc.

SPIN:

143028851

Original Funding Commitment:

\$15,661.36

Adjusted Funding Commitment:

\$15,661.36

Funds Disbursed to Date:

\$15,661.35

Funding Commitment Adjustment Explanation

You received disbursements after your invoice deadline. For recurring services, invoices must be submitted no later than 120 days after the last day to receive service or 120 days after the FCC Form 486 Notification Letter date, whichever is later. Services must be delivered within the fund year. Your invoice was received after the invoice deadline. Therefore, USAC must seek recovery of improperly disbursed funds in the amount of \$15,661.35.



Schools and Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on FCC Remand - Funding Year 2014

August 2, 2017

Michael Allred PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 904 KING AVE PORTAGEVILLE, MO 63873-1378

Re:

Applicant Name: PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Billed Entity Number: 137079

Form 471 Application Number: 989105 Funding Request Number: 2717593

FCC Order: 17-526

FCC Order Release Date: May 30, 2017 Invoice Due Date: September 1, 2017

Dear Program Participant:

You are receiving this Administrator's Decision Letter because USAC has identified you as qualifying for relief provided for in FCC Order DA 17-526 released on May 30, 2017.

In DA 17-526, the FCC directed USAC to allow applicants to resubmit invoices, or Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) forms, which had been timely filed between August 2014 and July 2016 and that were rejected "based on a lack of timely service provider certification before the invoice filing deadline." The FCC directed USAC to allow for resubmission of these BEARs and processing within the next 90 days.

We have identified your BEAR form for the invoice # 2194494 where the system change prevented service providers from certifying BEARs that were pending on July 1, 2016. The remaining commitment on this Funding Request is \$15661.36.

Please resubmit your BEAR form for the information identified above by <u>September 1, 2017</u> for processing.

If you need further assistance with filing your BEAR form, please see the BEAR form instructions on the USAC website or contact our Client Service Bureau (CSB) at 1-888-203-8100.



In addition, please note, service providers need to annually file a Service Provider Annual Certification (SPAC) Form, to certify they will comply with program rules. Your service provider(s) must have a SPAC Form on file for each Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) indicated on your BEAR form.

Sincerely,

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

I retiled as per instructions. I remember syears ago when I took over this was a big issue. Looks 1.16 Good get it resolved. We should get deposit of \$15,661.36. (i)
The instructions Said to file by Sept. I so keep is out recept of filing.

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The following has been successfully certified: Certified on 8/15/2017 10:48 PM Invoice ID: 2663017 Created on 8/15/2017 10:48 PM Last updated on 8/15/2017 10:48 PM Applicant Form Identifier Nitel Split FRN

Block 1: Header Information

Need Help?

143028851

1. Billed Entity Name PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

2. Billed Entity Number 137079

3. Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN)

Applicant FCC Form 498 ID

443011450

4. Contact Name

Barry Branscum (573) 379-3853 ext. 1301

5. Contact Telephone Phone Contact Fax

(573) 379-5817

Contact Email

bbranscu@portageville.k12.mo.us

6. Total Reimbursement Amount (total from Block 2, Column 14)

\$ 15661.35

Block 2: Line Item Information Per Funding Request Number

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7. FCC Form 471 Application Number (from Funding Commitment Decision Letter)		9. Bill Frequency	10. Customer Billed Date	11. Shipping date to Customer or Last Day of Work Performed (mm/dd/yyyy)	12. Total (Undiscounted) Amount for Service	13. Discount Rate	14. Discount Amount Billed to USAC (Column 12 multiplied by Column 13)	Approval Status
1) 989105	2717593	/	/ 7/31/2014		\$ 4256.92	s	3405.54	CERTIFIED
2) 989105	2717593	/	8/31/2014		\$ 2475.37 80	5	1980.30	CERTIFIED
3) 989105	2717593	/	11/4/2014	1	\$ 2557.58 80	s	2046.06	CERTIFIED
4) 989105	2717593		10/5/2014		\$ 10286.81 80	\ s	8229.45	CERTIFIED
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Contact Information for Billed Entity Authorized Person:

Should have received in 2014 but did 1

By logging into your account using your PIN, checking this box, and clicking the "certify" button at the end of the form, you have electronically signed the form. You are reminded that an electronic signature is the same as a handwritten signature on the form. To see a copy of the Terms and Conditions to which you previously agreed, please click on the "Terms and Conditions" menu above.

Submission Date 8/15/2017

17. Name MICHAEL ALLRED18. Title/Position SUPERINTENDENT

20. Address 1 904 KING AVENUE

Address 2

City PORTAGEVILLE

State MO Zip Code 63873 - 19. Phone Number

(573) 379-3855 ext. 1002

19a. Fax Number

(573)379-5817

19b. Email

MALLRED@PORTAGEVILLE.K12.MO.US

19c. Name of Authorized Portageville School District

Person's Employer

OMB Number 3060 - 0856 Form 472

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Client Service Bureau: 1-888-203-8100

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Invoice ID: 2194494

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Block 1: Header Information

Need Help?

1. Billed Entity Name

2. Billed Entity Number

3. Service Provider

PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL

137079

Identification Number (SPIN) 143028851

DISTRICT

Applicant FCC Form 498 ID

4. Contact Name

Stacey Eidson

5. Contact Telephone Phone (573) 379-6330

Contact Fax Contact Email (573)379-5817

seidson@portageville.k12.mo.us

6. Total Reimbursement Amount (total from Block 2, Column 14)

S 15661.35

Block 2: Line Item Information Per Funding Request Number

Need Help?

	7. FCC Form 471 Application Number (from Funding Commitment Decision Letter)	8. Funding Request Number (FRN) (from Funding Commitment Decision Letter)	9. Bill Frequency	10. Customer Billed Date	11. Shipping date to Customer or Last Day of Work Performed (mm/dd/yyyy)	12. Total (Undiscounted) Amount for Servi	13. Discoun ce Rate	14. Discount t Amount Billed to USAC (Column 12 multiplied by Column 13)	Approval Status
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2)	989105	2717593		10/5/2014		\$ 10286,81	80	S 8229.45	AWAITING CERTIFICATION
3)	989105	2717593		11/4/2014		\$ 2557.58	80	\$ 2046.06	AWAITING CERTIFICATION
4)	989105	2717593		8/31/2014		\$ 2475.37	80	\$ 1980.30	AWAITING CERTIFICATION

Block 3: Billed Entity Certification

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Contact Information for Billed Entity Authorized Person:

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Submission Date 6/15/2015

17. Name MICHAEL ALLRED18. Title/Position SUPERINTENDENT

20. Address 1 904 KING AVENUE

Address 2

City PORTAGEVILLE

State MO Zip Code 63873 - 19. Phone Number

(573)379-3855

19a. Fax Number

(573) 379-5817

19b. Email

MALLRED@PORTAGEVILLE.K12.MO.US

19c. Name of Authorized Portageville School District

Person's Employer

OMB Number 3060 - 0856 Form 472

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Stefanie Dennison <sdennison@portageville.k12.mo.us>

YOUR E-RATE PROGRAM REMITTANCE STATEMENT: 443011450

1 message

CustomerSupport@usac.org < CustomerSupport@usac.org > To: sdennison@portageville.k12.mo.us

Mon, Aug 21, 2017 at 2:19 PM



SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES BEAR PROGRAM REMITTANCE STATEMENT As Of August 21, 2017

Attn: Stefanie Dennison
PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

RE: FCC Form 498 ID 443011450

This notice provides an explanation of your entity's Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) payment for the following invoices.

	Approved
8/21/2017 143028851 Network Innovations, Inc 2717593 Nitel Split FRN Applicant Name:PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT;SLD Invoice Number:2663017;BEAR Letter Date:08/21/2017;Line Item Detail Number:8782209;Amount Requested:3405.54;	\$3,405.54
8/21/2017 143028851 Network Innovations, Inc 2717593 Nitel Split FRN Applicant Name:PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT;SLD Invoice Number:2663017;BEAR Letter Date:08/21/2017;Line Item Detail Number:8782210;Amount Requested:8229.45;	\$8,229.45
8/21/2017 143028851 Network Innovations, Inc 2717593 Nitel Split FRN Applicant Name:PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT;SLD Invoice Number:2663017;BEAR Letter Date:08/21/2017;Line Item Detail Number:8782211;Amount Requested:2046.06;	\$2,046.06
8/21/2017 143028851 Network Innovations, Inc 2717593 Nitel Split FRN Applicant Name:PORTAGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT;SLD Invoice Number:2663017;BEAR Letter Date:08/21/2017;Line Item Detail Number:8782212;Amount Requested:1980.30;	\$1,980.30
Total Approved Disbursement	<u>\$15,661.35</u>
Total Actual Disbursement:	<u>\$15,661.35</u>

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If you have any questions, please contact USAC Customer Operations at (888) 641-8722 or

CustomerSupport@usac.org. You may also visit us at www.usac.org.

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989105		2717593		10200.43	1	8160.34		COMPLETED

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